

Franklin County Council
September 22, 2015
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Council: Becky Oglesby, Aaron Leffingwell, Daryl Kramer, Joe Sizemore, Keith Hall, Jeff Koch and Dean McQueen

Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Becky Oglesby and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Budget Hearing: It was reported the estimated the civil maximum levy at \$2,897,978 for a budget total of \$12,461,761.00. There being no more public comment a motion was made by Daryl Kramer to close the Public Hearing and was 2nd by Aaron Leffingwell. Motion carried.

Minutes: A motion was made by Aaron Leffingwell to approve the minutes of: Aug. 18, Sept. 1 and Sept. 10 was 2nd by Keith Hall. Motion carried.

Indiana Tourism Bureau: Mikel Beck came to the council meeting to discuss Inn-Keepers' Tax which cannot be diverted to EDC without the consent of the tourism board. The tax by law this tax is solely dedicated to tourism development and promotion. The EDC is looking for financial assistance in funding a director's position. Ms. Beck stated that Mr. Schirmer would need to come and ask the Tourism Board.

Franklin County Highway: Commissioner Tom Wilson told the council that Ray Reese would be retiring at the end of the month of October and in December another employee Nathan Mullin would be leaving at the end of the year. This would leave the Highway dept. short of a Road Foreman and the Asst. Garage Mechanic. This left a concern as to how much the retiring employees would have to be paid out for unused sick and vacation days. Mr. Wilson said he would report back at the next meeting.

Additional/Reduction: a motion was made by Aaron Leffingwell to change the Reduction from Highway to \$1,000 from \$2,800 and approve the rest as submitted, 2nd by Daryl Kramer. Motion carried.

Transfers: A motion was made by Aaron Leffingwell to approve transfers and was 2nd by Joe Sizemore. Motion carried.

Fairfield Causeway Bridge: A motion was made by Daryl Kramer to create new line for better tracking of expense and was 2nd by Keith Hall. Motion carried.

Letter – Scott Chin: President Becky Oglesby noted that she had received a letter from Scott Chin advising the Council they were in violation of IC 36-2 by “attempting to improperly coerce” the commissioners on their decision to change to handbook and striking down health insurance eligibility. A question from the public was asked if all commissioners were involved with this and Eric Roberts said he was not consulted. Aaron Leffingwell who made the motion to cut the commissioners secretary position rescinded his motion. Mr. Leffingwell asked the Commissioners what the cost was to hire an attorney and where the money was coming from. Mr. Wilson stated it would come from the Professional services line. Mr. Linkel stated they have not received an invoice at this time. It was noted

by Mr. Hall that the judges had hired an attorney and it was several thousand dollars. Mr. Leffingwell said that the Professional Services line is only \$1,000.00. Mr. Kramer noted that is leaving a hole in the budget. We were short \$105,000 in funding our goal in the health insurance fund. Mr. Leffingwell then made a motion to cut: Line #12924 - \$25,435.00, Line #34590 - \$10,000.00 and line #36975 - \$1,000.00 for a total of \$36,435.00 and was 2nd by Daryl Kramer. The vote was 3 in favor: Aaron Leffingwell, Daryl Kramer and Keith Hall – Opposed: Jeff Koch, Joe Sizemore and Dean McQueen. President Becky Oglesby cast the final vote against the motion. Motion denied.

Mr. Hall suggested that the Council and Commissioners have a special meeting to work out a solution. A motion was made by Keith Hall to have a meeting on health insurance issues with the County Council and Commissioners before the October 13th adoption and was 2nd by Jeff Koch. Motion carried.

Cagit to Public Safety/Co. General to Cagit: discussion was held concerning moving of money for Public Safety. A motion was made by Daryl Kramer to create a new line for county council contingency in the public safety fund in the amount of \$65,181 for the 2016 budget and was 2nd by Keith Hall. Motion carried.

NonBinding: A motion was made by Aaron Leffingwell to approve as submitted and was 2nd by Dean McQueen. Motion carried.

Community Corrections: A motion was made by Keith Hall for the Council President to contact the Judges to about this program to go along with the state of bringing prisoners back to County Jail and 2nd by Joe Sizemore. Motion carried. Also to inquire as to what additional cost the county may have and so that council will have a clear understanding prior to the budget adoption on Oct. 13.

Recess Regular meeting for Bond Hearing:

Franklin County has 5 years remaining on the bond and \$1.97 million to pay of a bond for the renovation of the Government Center. Councilman Kramer has been working on the refinance of the bond and has estimated that the county could save \$75,000.00 over the next 5 years in refinancing the bond. Attorney Grant Reeves explained the procedure. Mr. Reeves also recommended Jimmy Shanahan of Shanahan and Shanahan a law firm that specializes in government bonds to handle the procedure. The cost of the refinance maybe about \$15,000.00 and will be payable only if the deal is completed. The Council will meet again on October 28 on the project and could close on the refinance Dec. 15, 2015. The council authorized Daryl Kramer to pin down the numbers by Oct. 28. A motion was made by Dean McQueen to advertise the appropriation for the Bond Refinance and was 2nd by Jeff Koch. Motion carried. A motion was made by Aaron Leffingwell to approve Ordinance 2015-16 and was 2nd by Keith Hall. Motion carried. A motion was made by Daryl Kramer to adjourn the Bond Hearing and was 2nd by Aaron Leffingwell. Motion carried.

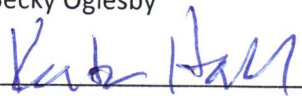
Interlocal agreement: Councilman Leffingwell state he would go to the municipalities about giving back the revenue from Public Safety to the county. A motion was made by Daryl Kramer to give Aaron the authority to negotiate with the different entities and was 2nd by Dean McQueen. Motion carried. Mr. Leffingwell stated he was thinking of asking for a time limit of 3 years.

Handbook/Longevity/Health: more discussion on the subject about are we obligated to fund. A motion was made by Keith Hall to contact Attorney John Williams for assistance. The motion died due to not having a 2nd.

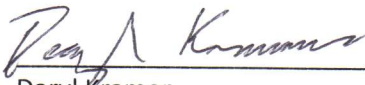
Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Sizemore and 2nd by Jeff Koch. Motion carried.
Others attending: Betty Lecher, Mark and Millie Simmermeyer, Bob Lecher, Linda Hall, Mikel Beck, Carrie Lambert, Marlene Flaspohler, Joe Gillespie, Ben and Carol Hiatt, Pam Beneker, Eric Roberts, Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Kate Green, Monica Yane, Debbie and Ray Richardson. The names are spelled correctly as per sign in sheet.

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Becky Oglesby




Keith Hall



Daryl Kramer

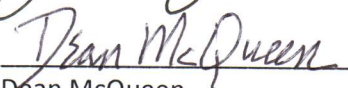
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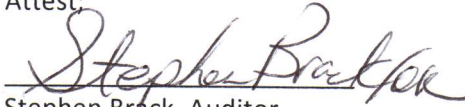
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Attest:



Stephen Brack, Auditor